

# QUILTERS' QUILL

*"The Executive will work together as a team to support and encourage new quilters, challenge and draw upon experienced quilters and provide warmth and comfort to those in need." As your Executive Committee, we are designing some things to meet the above goal.*

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Items for Quilters' Quill should be submitted by the Monday of **two weeks** before the Guild Meeting. Please email or call Joanne Kavanagh 345-2269.

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## MEETING AGENDA - Jan. 18, 2016

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of Minutes
4. Business arising from minutes
5. Executive Committee Reports
6. New Business
7. Break
8. Show and Tell
9. Programme
10. Door Prizes / Adjournment

Next Meeting - February 15, 2016

## THANKS FROM HOPE HOUSE

Happy New Year. I want to thank the guild for helping out New Life Ministries in particular the women of Hope House. Thank you for your generosity we have felt your support for the program to help teach the women here how to quilt and sew.

We have received many tools, thread and a fair amount of fabric for nice projects. Thank you for your help in getting us to a great start for this New Year. We hope all the best for all of you.

A sister crazy quilter, Noreen Bergen

## ATTENTION THOSE WISHING TO RECEIVE THE ART GALLERY NEWSLETTER

The following notice was received in the Art Gallery newsletter that was sent to the Guild.

In order to promote positive environmental stewardship and reduce our printing and postage costs, this is our last hard copy newsletter.

Not to worry! We will still share information about upcoming exhibitions, events and more via E-link, our monthly electronic newsletter.

Do we have your email address? Please contact Brenda at 577-6427 or [administration@theag.ca](mailto:administration@theag.ca) to

ensure you're on our distribution list! If you would like to receive the Art Gallery newsletter, please let them know.

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### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season.

#### **In The New Year**

We wish you the best year you have ever had  
And that each New Year  
Will be better than the last.  
May you realize your fondest dreams  
And take time to recognize and enjoy  
Each and every blessing that comes your way.

We have some new projects this year and we continue with our ongoing projects. We are having a fidget quilt group to meet in the next few months. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Meghann Pulkkinen at the next meeting. Meghann will be having a Community table to collect items for the Fidget quilts such as old jean pockets, ribbon, zippers, Velcro, elastic, etc. We will also be showcasing what we do in a large locked cabinet at the University for the Month of May. We will be displaying some of our comfort quilts, placemats and teddy bear quilts. If you have a quilt you would like to display please contact me. The cabinet we will be using is 3' 10" high by 7' 8.5" in length by 17.5" deep, so smaller quilts will be required.

It is time to think about our Quilt Show in 2017. Aila will be having a meeting this month with all her committee members. Planning the Quilt show and then implementing the plan requires numerous hours of work so if you have a few hours you could contribute please contact Aila Metsa.

We have purchased a laptop computer and external drive for the Guild so that there will be an accurate record kept of all Guild activities for the coming years. We have installed an accounting program for the Treasurer, which she presently has on her own personal computer, all copies of the minutes for both regular meetings and Executive meetings and the Quill will be kept on the laptop.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sharon

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Workshops**

Back to Basics Quilt Workshop with Christina  
Wakefield: Saturday, January 30, 2015, 9:30-4:30,  
Superior C.V.I.

Review rotary cutting and block construction, sandwiching and basting the quilt, quilting with a walking foot, and creating and attaching the binding. Finished product will be a placemat or a cushion cover. Upcoming Spring workshops: Iron Caddy by Peggy Skillen and English Paper Piecing by Cathy Ridley and Karen Boote.

As always, if you are looking for a workshop on a certain topic, let me know and I will find someone to teach it!

**Possibilities Group:** Please remember that there is no October meeting. The school has an event on and does not want outside people in the building, so do not show up! The meetings are Nov 24, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31, meeting at 7pm in Rm 2001, Superior C.V.I. Christina

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#### **JUNE ELECTIONS**

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope 2016 brings you all the yardage, ideas and inspiration you wish for. I have a mission to complete before my move to Ottawa and that is to find wonderful people like you to donate their time and enthusiasm to our guild. We have elections coming up as we always do in June. We require a President, Vice-President and Programme. Now President is someone who likes to oversee all the committees and plan executive meetings, Vice-President organizes and searches out people and ideas for our various classes and Programme shares exciting new ideas, techniques and people who inspire, such as; the outer space quilter that Louise and Sheila found for us. Please seek out an executive if you yourself would like to run or if you have any suggestions. Sincerely Meghann

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#### **FIDGIT QUILTS**

I will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in participating in a Fidget quilt bee in the spring. This is a fun new way to clear out all those old large buttons, zippers, ribbon, scraps of textured material, little stuffies, old pockets, all those things you hung on to thinking you could make use of sometime in the future, now is your chance. Anything safe enough for a two year old can be used to create a one of a kind Fidget

quilt. Use your imagination and the sky is the limit. Nothing smaller than a placemat and nothing larger than a crib quilt are the sizes. You start with a piece of material and go from there. We only have four signed up and we need a few more to make this happen. The sign-up sheet for the Fidget bee will be on the same table as the sign-up sheet for the guild meeting.

Hope to see you there. Meghann

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### QUILT BEE

The Quilt Bee has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Oliver Road Community Centre. It will be held from 10 am to 4 pm. Please note this date in your calendar and plan to attend. We are looking forward to a very productive Bee again this year. During the January and February meeting we will have sign up sheets available at the break. If you plan to attend the Bee please sign up to let us know how many stations to set up and how much lunch to have ready for the busy quilters.

The Quilt Bee Committee will be busy over the next two months planning and preparing for the Bee. We hope this Bee will be as much fun as the last Bee with great kits ready for everyone to sew.

If anyone has quilt tops that have been finished from previous Bees, please hand them in as they are finished and remember to let me know your name when you hand it in. Please feel free to share your work at "show and tell" during the meeting.

If anyone has fabric they would like to donate to the Quilt Bee, we graciously accept any donations of clean quilting cotton. We have turned the generous donations of members into beautiful quilts.

Thank you Adrienne

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### LIBRARY REPORT

Welcome back and Happy New Year. The library will be open again for our January meeting. We can still purchase more books for the library. A notebook will be available in the library starting in January. If you have any books you would like to see ordered, or any topics you think we should include in the library, please list them in the notebook and I'll try to bring them in for the library. Marg Marks

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### COMFORT QUILTS & CHALLENGE SQUARES

In December, 40 comfort quilts were distributed around Thunder Bay locations (Roseview Manor, George Jeffrey Children Centre, Faye Peterson House,

Pioneer Ridge and Teen Challenge). Thanks to your generosity, quilts have been provided for all beds at the home for Teen Challenge.

In December we received 3 comfort quilts and 9 - 12½ inch squares. We will continue to collect the 12½ inch squares until the Quilt Bee in May.

All members are challenged to submit at least one square to have your name entered for our surprise draw. We'd like to see every member participate in this challenge. The requirements are; neutral (beige, white, red, plain) backing fabric, cotton or cotton/poly batting, quilt square top, sandwiched and quilted to measure 12 ½ inches (so start with a backing and batting larger and don't trim). Squares will be trimmed just prior to putting together using the hinge method. Any pattern square is welcome so have some fun making one or more. We have received some lovely examples with appliqued flowers and a variety of wonderful patterns. The squares will be used to put together larger quilts for beds at some of the local facilities.

#### **Recommended Quilt Sizes**

Neo Natal	.....	36" x 36"
Crib	.....	34 to 36" x 36"
Wheel Chair	.....	36" x 48"
Nap Quilt	.....	40" x 55 - 60"
Hospice/Bed	...	63 to 65" x 80"

If you have suggestions for recipient locations, please provide the Comfort Quilt Committee a contact and location information (so the size and needs can be determined). The focus should be on sites where the quilts will remain and be used multiple times. Thanks for your support.

Pat (on behalf of the Committee)

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

We hope that you have been enjoying the meetings and hopefully taking away some positive experiences and lots of new and interesting information.

We will continue to bring members up to date on all things quilty. We are working hard to keep the Program portion of the meeting short, fun and informative. Got ideas – tell us! Got suggestions – we would love to hear them! Would you like to be a QUILTER OF THE MONTH – come and see us and pick a month!

Remember that we will be having a UFO/MAGAZINE/BOOK Auction in the New Year.

Monies raised from this auction will as usual go towards purchasing new books for the Library. Magazines need to be bundled and tied and if you are donating a UFO project please make sure that all of the parts are included, especially the pattern/instructions. Thanks, we appreciate all of your involvement and donations.

U.F.O. CHALLENGE...continued

**Challenge: To finish those quilt projects hidden in your sewing room!!!**

There are many names for those unfinished quilt projects we all have stashed in our closets, under the bed or in drawers or bags...WIPs (works in progress), UFOs (unfinished objects), NFUFO (nearly finished UFOs), BBUFO (barely begun UFOs), PIPS (projects in process), WISPs (works in slow progress), WIVPs (works in very slow progress), PIGs (projects in grocery sacks). We started them because we liked them but for one reason or another we put them aside to finish at another time. Wouldn't it be nice to see those quilt projects completed instead of hiding them away for a few more years? We have a challenge for you!!!

Here are the rules. They are simple. The UFO Challenge wants to gently help you complete 10 projects in 2015/2016 and a chance to win prizes too! How easy is that. Write down the names of those 10 unfinished projects on a list numbered 1 through 10. Make 2 copies of the list and hand one copy to the Program Committee. Each time you bring in a completed quilt (quilted and binding attached) it will be marked off your list and your name will be entered in a draw for some great prizes. The first member to finish all ten UFO projects will receive the "Grand Prize". There will also be auxiliary prizes for everyone else who finishes their 10 UFO projects. Think how proud you'll be standing up at Show and Tell when you tell everyone "I finally finished this quilt". The applause alone will make it worth the work. And remember, if you don't want the quilt when you are finished with it, you can always think about donating it as a comfort quilt.

Each month the Program Committee will introduce blocks that can be made with all of those popular fabric precuts. We have included a list of specialty cuts, their sizing, a short description and common uses.

PRECUTS – Specialty cuts, also called pre-cut items, are fabrics cut into specific sizes and typically packaged by collection. There are many different sizes of specialty cuts, and they are based on the

most common cuts used by quilters. Besides regular yardage, which is sold by the metre, the most well-known specialty cuts include:

Mini Charm Packs – 2.5" x 2.5" and are the newest precuts from Moda. They are also known as Moda Candy! Mini Charm Packs are great for small projects, easy reference or just for collecting.

Charm Packs – 5" x 5" - Charm packs are one of the smallest and least expensive specialty cut. Their popularity stems from the fact that they are affordable, easy to use, and the size is very common in quilting. Charm Packs typically include one square of every fabric within a collection so the number of pieces included varies. The size of charm packs may also vary slightly by manufacturer. For instance, RJR Fabrics cuts their Charm Packs to 5.5" x 5.5".

Commonly used for: One-patch blocks, four-patch blocks, corner triangles, flying geese blocks.

Jelly Rolls – 2.5" x 42" strips - Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Jelly Rolls are different prints from a single collection rolled together and cut length-wise into 2.5" x 42" strips. They are available by collection and have become very popular over the past few years. Jelly Rolls typically include 40 strips of fabric but occasionally can vary.

Similar to:

- Bali Pops by Hoffman Fabric - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Twice the Charms by RJR Fabrics - 5.5" x 21" strips
- Stone Strips by Northcott Fabrics - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Rolie Polies by Riley Blake Designs - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Roll Ups by Robert Kaufman Fabrics - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Tonga Treat Strips by Timeless Treasures - 2.5" x 42" strips
- Layer Cakes - 10" x 10" - Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Layer Cakes are similar to a Charm Pack in its square shape but at a larger size. They are available by collection and typically include 42 pieces of fabric, though the number may vary by collection. Commonly used for: Squares, half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, strips and circles

Similar to:

- 10" Stackers by Riley Blake Designs
  - 10 inch Squares by Robert Kaufman Fabrics
  - Tonga Treat Squares by Timeless Treasures
- Fat Eighth Bundles – 9" x 21" rectangles

Manufactured by Moda Fabrics, Fat Eighths measure 9" x 21", rather than the typical one-eighth yard cut of 4.5" x 42".

Fat Quarter Bundles – 18" x 21" rectangles

Fat Quarters are the first and most common specialty cut on the market. The term Fat Quarter refers to a quarter-yard of fabric cut into a rectangle. Most collections will have Fat Quarter Bundles that contain every print. Also, some collections will have a variety of Fat Quarter Bundles that contain a selection of coordinating prints.

Norma Wynn & Luci Andreacchi

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